

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MARKET DOMINANT PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR  
ALTERNATE POSTAGE PAYMENT METHOD

Docket No. R2014-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO ORDER NO. 1917**

(December 31, 2013)

In Order No. 1917, issued on December 20, 2013, the Commission approved the addition of Alternate Postage Payment to the market dominant product list as a price category under First-Class Mail, Single-Piece Letters/Postcards.<sup>1</sup> In that same order the Commission also directed that, within ten (10) days of the order, “the Postal Service shall file a revised rate schedule showing the applicable rates (as of January 1, 2014), for Alternate Postage Payment.”<sup>2</sup>

However, when the Commission issued Order No. 1917, it had not yet issued Order No. 1926, which conditionally approved the rates proposed in Docket No. R2013-11. The Governors are currently scheduled to meet to discuss pricing issues on January 7, 2014. Consequently, a revised rate schedule will be filed with the Commission after the Governors have met. Despite a brief delay in filing the revised rate schedule, the Postal Service expects that, in accordance with Order No. 1917,

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Docket No. R2014-1, Order No 1917: Order Granting Classification and Price Changes for Alternate Postage Payment, at 11 (December 20, 2013).

<sup>2</sup> This directive was issued in response to the uncertainty, at the time the order was issued, surrounding what the prevailing First-Class Mail letter or postcard rates would be when Alternate Postage Payment was added to the Mail Classification Schedule.

Alternate Postage Payment will be added to the Mail Classification Schedule on  
January 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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